



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

September 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I do hope this message finds you and your families well.

We looked forward with great anticipation to the reopening of the school at the end of August and are delighted that we have managed to stay open through September. And we would like to stay open. So I would like to raise a few points with you.

Coming in and going home

We are operating a staggered in-take and departure schedule in order to reduce the number of children trying to enter and leave the school at the same time. We ask parents to accompany their children to the school *only* when really necessary. The majority of children in the senior classes (3rd to 6th) should be able wait outside the school wall without a parent present. The children should come to school at their set time (see the table below) to avoid **unnecessary waiting and unwelcome congregating**. Children should not gather at the gates, but rather wait in line along the wall. If you have children in different Super Pods it would be helpful if you and/or the children from the Green or Blue Super Pods waited across the road, and then the children could cross with **Karen, the lollypop lady**, when it is time for them to enter the school. Again this would help minimise the risk of infection.

Super Pod	Time	Gate A/Door 1	Gate B/Door 2	Gate C/Door/Entry
Yellow	9.00 am	Ms Comerford	Ms Keogh Mr O'Sullivan	Ms Kelly Door 3 Ms Rogers Door 3 Ms Quirke Door 3
Green	9.05am	Ms Mahoney	Mr Geaney Ms O'Connor Ms Swords	Ms Barrett Door 3 Ms Dunne Door 3 Ms Lowe Entry 4
Blue	9.10am		Ms Gaire Ms Shanley Ms Cox	Ms Shortt Door 3 Ms Mynes Door 3 Ms Whittaker Entry 4 Ms Wadding Door 3 ALC Entry 4 - Door 5 or 6

Similarly at home time we ask the parents to avoid gathering at the gates, so that the children can move with ease along the path. Many children are crossing the road at Gate C. This is **very dangerous** as there is no Lollypop person here and there is quite a lot of traffic movement. Please remind your children to cross the road where it is safe. We ask parents who are driving to the school to park with care and be conscious of the children's safety and the safety of other road users. Please do not let your child out of the car when the car is in the middle of the road.

Please observe social distancing as much as possible. It is very difficult to maintain a 2m distance outside the school so we ask you to wear a **face covering** when dropping or collecting your child – even though you are in the open air. We have a number of vulnerable people in our community and we do not want to put them at any heightened risk. Thank you for your cooperation with this challenging area.

Google Classroom

Can I please remind parents to make sure that all of your children have logged in with their school Google account (@prosperousns.ie) and have joined **Google Classroom**? 90% of children have connected successfully and we would like to get all remaining children joined up as soon as possible. Please email home.school@prosperousns.ie with any queries.

We intend to set work in Google Classroom, not only in anticipation of possible closures, but also as a very useful tool in the children's learning.

Homework

We will resume setting some homework next week. While being very mindful of everyone's wellbeing, we feel assigning some homework will help children with the routine of school and be a **good link** between home and school, giving you an opportunity to see how your children are progressing with their school work.

Sick children

Please do not send a sick child to school. Any sickness, Covid related or otherwise, puts other **people's health at risk**. If your child has a chronic condition which may be confused with some of the symptoms of Covid you may submit a Declaration Form (a copy available from the Admin Office).

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact information, including an email address and an emergency number for someone who can be at the school as quickly as possible, if need be.

Credit Union

The Credit Union has made a **donation** to school of €1,400 to support the children's learning. This money was generated from family savings with the Credit Union. We are very grateful to the Credit Union, and to all of you who have saved with them in the past year. Thank you very much.

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate the Sixth Class of 2020 on the celebration of their **Confirmation** in September – better late than never! We hope their first few weeks in Secondary School have gone well and wish them continued success in the coming years.

We also send our best wishes to the **Holy Communion** class of 2020. They made their First Confession in mid-September. We hope they enjoy their special day in the coming weeks.

PTA

The PTA will hold their **AGM**, virtually, in October. We will send contact details later.

Website

Please check the school **website** for up-to-date information www.prosperousns.ie